

Read Across America 2016

A Celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday

Sterling Grade School is celebrating Read Across America week and Dr. Seuss's birthday to promote and highlight the importance of reading. During the week of Feb. 29-Mar. 4, your child is invited to participate in dress-up days that coordinate with popular Dr. Seuss books and characters. Parents, during this week you are encouraged to set aside some special time to read with your child. For fun online Dr. Seuss activities, visit www.seussville.com.

Monday, Feb. 29	Celebrate the book <i>The Cat in the Hat</i> Wear a hat
Tuesday, March 1	Celebrate Dr. Seuss characters Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character. One idea: wear crazy, brightly colored clothes and/or have a crazy hairstyle (like costumes from <i>Seussical the Musical</i>)
Wednesday, March 2 <i>Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss!</i>	Celebrate the book <i>Green Eggs & Ham</i> Wear Green Green eggs and ham served for school lunch
Thursday, March 3	Celebrate the book <i>Fox in Socks</i> Wear crazy or mismatched socks
Friday, March 4	Celebrate the book <i>I am Not Going to Get Up Today</i> Wear pajamas

READING BINGO ACTIVITY

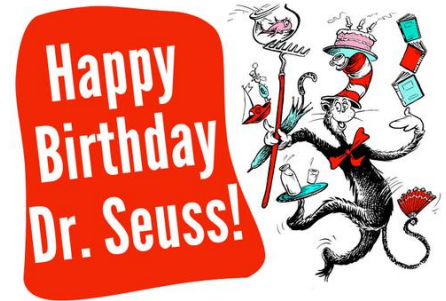
A child's ability to read has a direct effect on their future success. Reading with your child helps to increase their vocabulary and improves their reading fluency and comprehension.

To encourage children to read at home, we are promoting a Reading Bingo activity starting now and ending

March 7. On the other side of this page, you will find a bingo board listing different reading activities. If your child is not reading yet, someone may read to the child. We have a bingo board for grades K-2 focusing on where and when reading takes place, while our board for grades 3-6 focuses on different types of reading, reading aloud, and responding to reading through discussion, writing, and art.

Your family is invited to participate in the reading activities listed on the bingo board. Try to get a "bingo" by completing 5 boxes in a row in any direction (across, down, or diagonally). When an activity is completed, fill in the title of the book read and date and initial the box. Students earning a "bingo" on their Reading Bingo board may return their bingo board to the library by March 7 to receive a prize. I challenge you to fill as many boxes as you can.

Studies show that students who read at home 20 minutes per day score significantly higher on reading tests. Beyond improving test scores, we hope that students will discover the joy of reading and that your family can take time to emphasize the importance of reading.



~Amy Brownlee, District Librarian